Give Kids Chance Foundation

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20 YEARS OF POSSIBILITY

Twenty years ago, El Patojismo was founded with a simple belief: children everywhere, no matter their circumstances, deserve the opportunity to learn, discover their potential, and shape a brighter future for themselves and for their community.
We at Give Kids a Chance are so proud to have been a part of this journey, and we are deeply grateful to our donors whose generosity has propelled El Patojismo from a dream into a force for change and opportunity.

El Patojismo's 20th anniversary is not only a celebration of how far we have come, but also how far we have yet to go. Our schools and community programs continue to create new possibilities for children, families and the wider community in Jocotenango.
We can't wait to see what the next 20 years bring.
We hope you will join us in sustaining this remarkable work to ensure that every child has the opportunity to learn, grow, and build a better, brighter future.



OPPORTUNITY IS OUR BUSINESS

El Patojismo continues to expand its role as a cultural, educational and entrepreneurial hub for the youth of Jocotenango. New opportunities are brewing! Upcoming initiatives will bring students the opportunity to learn practical skills and flex their entrepreneurial muscles. Students will have the opportunity to attend a barista education program at Centro de Oportunidades, hosted in collaboration with Fat Cat Coffee. They will also benefit from a new recording studio and educational programming focusing on music production and podcasting, a cultural centre dedicated to concerts and workshops, and a shop by youth and for youth, where students and young people can develop and sell their own products.
In October the secondary school held a coffee competition with 55 baristas in attendance. Our student won 2nd place in the latte art competition. We are very proud of them. The school's coffee shop is 100% student managed and has just been named amongst the 50 best coffee shops in Guatemala!





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SETTING THE STAGE FOR NEW VOICES

In keeping with allowing our students to discover their passions, in September, El Patojismo hosted Festival Ixim, a two-day gathering for animation artists, students and aspiring content creators – the first professional animation gathering of its kind in Guatemala! El Patojismo connected established animation professionals with students and emerging talent, helping to foster artistic ambitions and build a stronger animation community in Guatemala. The festival was a great success, receiving national media coverage and setting the stage for El Patojismo to launch its next chapter as a cultural centre for working and emerging artists of all kinds.

Jefferson is 19 years old and has attended school at El Patojismo for the last 7 years. He comes from a very troubled family who did not want their son to fall into the traps they had. His father asked El Patojismo for their help.

In his own words:

"What really appealed to me was the flexible and open approach to education, especially the afternoon workshops. They gave me the opportunity to discover my passion for computers and programming."

Jefferson graduated this year and through the kind generosity of a donor, he has received a full university scholarship to study computer engineering! This is life changing for Jefferson and his family.



TOGETHER, WE'RE NOT JUST CHANGING STORIES – WE'RE REWRITING FUTURES.

We thank you kindly for your generous support in the past.

Please help us to continue to support hundreds of students in Guatemala.

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